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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,  
  
Plaintiff,  
  
v.  
  
JESUS VALDEZ CASTENEDA,  
CARLOS GERMAN FIERRO, and  
ALEJANDRO SOTO-MARES,  
  
Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:25-CR-00048-KES-BAM

**STIPULATION TO CONTINUE STATUS  
CONFERENCE AND EXCLUDE TIME;  
AND ORDER**

The parties stipulate as follows:

1. A grand jury filed an indictment against defendants on March 13, 2025, and defendants were arraigned the next day. The parties continued the status conference by stipulation twice and appeared at the August 13, 2025, status conference. Presently, a status conference is set for October 22, 2025, with time excluded to that date.

2. The Government produced initial discovery to defendants' counsel on March 17, 2025.

3. On July 2, 2025, the Government extended plea offers to each defendant.

4. Now, the parties have met and conferred and agree to another continuance of the status conference until December 10, 2025, to further provide defendants with reasonable time necessary for effective preparation, so that the defendants can review the discovery, and for defendants to consider a pre-trial resolution of the case.

5. The parties also agree that the interests of justice served by granting this continuance outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendants in a speedy trial. The parties agree that the period from October 22, 2025, through December 10, 2025, should be excluded. Fed. R. Crim. P. 17.1; 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

IT IS SO STIPULATED.

Dated: October 15, 2025

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**ORDER**

The Court has read and considered the parties' stipulation to further continue the status conference and exclude time. The Court finds there is good cause for the continuance so as to allow the defendants reasonable time to complete their review of the discovery and fully consider a pre-trial resolution of the case. The Court also finds that the interests of justice served by granting the continuance outweigh the interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial.

Therefore, for good cause shown:

1. The status conference is continued from October 22, 2025, until **December 10, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. before Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe**; and
2. The period from October 22, 2025, through December 10, 2025, shall be excluded pursuant to Fed. R. Crim. P. 17.1; 18 U.S.C. § 3161(h)(7)(A) and (h)(7)(B)(iv).

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **October 15, 2025**

/s/ *Barbara A. McAuliffe*  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE